

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT DATED JUNE 15, 2004

Appln. No. 09/998,880

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2004. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement imposed in the Action, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-19, drawn to a supported lattice. Claims 20 and 21 (Group II), drawn to a method of making a supported lattice, have been withdrawn pending a finding of allowable subject matter in Claims 1-19 and the possibility of rejoinder as process of making and product made. Claims 22 and 23 (Group III), drawn to a method of repairing severed nerve ganglia, have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file Claims 20-23 in one or more divisional applications.

An early and favorable decision is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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